

TGEI Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2015, 2:30 p.m.

Labor & Workforce Development Bldg.

Members Present:

Julie Perrey, 2015 Vice Chair
Curtis Clan, 2013 Class Rep
Luvenia Harrison, Past Chair
Jeffrey Kriseman, 2014 Class President
Jeanine Miller, 2015 At-Large Rep
Stephanie Mitchell, 2014 Class Vice President

Members Present via Phone:

Brigitte Tubbs-Jones, Chair
Vicki Guye, 2014 At-Large Rep
Jenny Howard, 2014 Class Rep
Julie Johnson, Treasurer
Lynette Porter, 2015 At-Large Rep
April Anderson Snell, 2013 Class Vice President

Members Absent:

Vicky Hutchings, 2014 Class Rep
Monica Middlebrooks, 2013 Class Rep
Chris Padgett, 2013 Class Rep
Patrick Ryan, 2014 At-Large Rep
Trish Holliday, Ex-Officio Member, DOHR
Ernie Ricketts, Designee, DOHR

Call to Order and Welcome:

Vice-Chair Julie Perrey called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Financial Update:

Treasurer Julie Johnson reported the account balance was the same as last month – \$869.50. It was discussed and approved that we would pay for our speaker, Mr. Terry Cowles' lunch at the May 19th Lunch and Learn.

Review/adoption of minutes from January meeting

April minutes were reviewed and approved with no corrections.

Reports from Committee Chairs:

- **Professional Growth and Development** – Jeanine Miller reported to the committee that the May 19th lunch and learn was at capacity and they still have a wait list. The event has been moved to the Nashville City Center/First TN Building – Law Offices of Bone, McAllester and Norton, PLLC, which will accommodate an extra 20 people. Limited parking will be available. Major Menu will be used to order lunches. Jeanine also stated that they need a date from Trish for the September lunch and learn in order to confirm speakers, Mark Bengel and Bruce Behringer.
- **Newsletter** – Jenny Howard reported that the newsletter went out on May 14th. The next one goes out in July. Jenny requested information on events or people to highlight in the next newsletter.
- **Community Service** – Stephanie Mitchell reported that since they decided not to do the raised garden, they came up with two small events to be held. One would be with 2nd Harvest Foodbank. Every Thursday 2nd Harvest has “Family Night” from 5:30 – 8:00 for volunteers ages 6 and up to pack bags for their Backpack program, which gives hungry children in our communities a pack of nutritious and easy-to-prepare food to take home on weekends and during school vacations. It was decided that we would participate in this on June 11, 2015. Another event that was discussed was the Blue Jeans for Thistle Farms (or Thistle Farm Thursday). This event would be where state employees donate money for the privilege of wearing blue jeans to work on a Friday (or Thursday since some state agencies are allowed to wear jeans on Friday). All funds collected would be donated to Thistle Farms. Stephanie was going research this further and report back to the committee.

The big community service event that was proposed was “A Hand Up to Our Homeless”. This event would fall within the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week (week before Thanksgiving). This would be a service fair on a state level to serve the underserved and would be held during the week day. Luvenia Harrison told about the fair that Metro had a while back that was a huge job. She recommended we start out on a smaller scale and add to it the next year. Luvenia recommended we do a Health and Wellness Fair where we would have representatives from TennCare, DHS, and Health; give flu shots and information on free phone service, food stamps, etc. It was decided we would move forward with this and would need committees to start planning this event soon.

- **Website/IT** – Curtis Clan stated that he still needed a picture and bio from a few individuals, but has loaded the ones he had on the website. He also added the calendar, newsletters, and minutes from meetings, but needed the minutes from the March meeting. He also plans to upload pictures from the Spring Mixer and the Lunch and Learn next week.

- **Fiscal Responsibility** – No news to report at this time.
- **Social Networking** – Julie Perrey discussed the “Game Changing Leadership” luncheon. It will be held at the Nashville Library on August 19. The committee is trying to get a panel of sports coaches for the event. The Women’s boxing coach from the Olympics will be one of panel. Other coaches are being pursued. Last year’s winner will present the “Lead by Example” award at the event. The Holiday Breakfast will be held on December 9th at the Maxwell House Hotel. There was some discussion on the Masquerade Ball, needing to find a venue and set up committees to begin planning for the event.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Recognitions/Acknowledgments:

Curtis Clan announced that he is now the Interim Chief Security Officer for OIR.

Adjournment:

Chair Brigitte Tubbs-Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Our next meeting will be June 19, 2015 (2:30 – 4:00) at Labor and Workforce Development.